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**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION**

95th historical “tidbit.”
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THE GIRLS BEAT THE BOYS IN CIF-SS COMPETITION

Debbie Siewert – Alhambra High School
First Girl to Place in a CIF-SS Boys Championship
1974 Boys Diving – 3rd Place

Jane Ward – Long Beach Wilson High School
First Girl to Win a Boys CIF-SS Championship
1975 (4A) Boys Diving – 1st Place

The inclusion of girls in CIF-SS competition began in 1970 with a girls swimming meet. Many girls continued to participate on boy’s teams particularly in water polo and swimming. In 1974, Debbie Siewert became the first girl to win a CIF-SS medal in competition against the boys placing 3rd in the Boys CIF-SS Diving Championship. The following year, Jane Ward from Long Beach Wilson won the Boys CIF-SS Diving Championship becoming the first female CIF-SS Champion in competition with the boys (Siewert would take 5th in that competition).



**MEDAL WON BY DIVER DEBBIE
SIEWERT IS A FIRST**

A historic first occurred on April 15, when Debbie Siewert, a junior at Alhambra HS, took third place in diving at the 1974 CIF-SS swimming and diving championships and thereby became the first girl in the 60-year existence of the Southern Section to earn a CIF-SS medal or trophy in other than all-girls’ competition. The 5’2” young lady becomes 17 years old this month, and has been diving for six years. With her senior year still ahead of her, it is of interest that the two boys finishing ahead of Debbie in the diving finals are due to graduate from high school next month.



**DEBBIE SIEWERT
Alhambra High School**

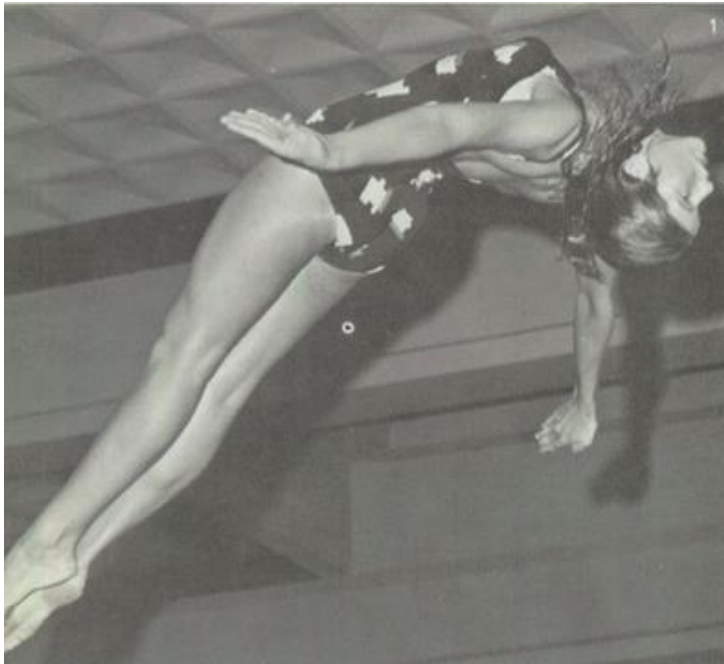
Debbie Siewert on the Alhambra Swimming team



VARSITY SWIMMING FRONT ROW: C.Kikawa, F.Soldevilla, R.Dira-doorian, K.Lynch, B.Rosenthal, J.Castanha. SECOND ROW: P.Stanton, D.Siewert, K.Boccalero, J.Thomas, J.Hubbart, D.McLean, C.Calhoun, K.Kuehnle. TOP ROW: C.Bucci, M.Katzmann, M.Davis, Coach N.Palmer.



Jane Ward – Long Beach Wilson – 1975



Diving: 1. Jane Ward (L.B. Wilson) 439.4; 2. Kevin Wilson (Rolling Hills) 401.5; 3. Chris Hennis (Sunny Hills) 377.8; 4. Bill Gerrard (Mission Viejo) 366.2; 5. Debbie Siewert (Alhambra) 363.6; 6. Bill Day (Troy) 345.0; 7. Mitch Goldstein (Westminster) 341.1; 8. Jeannie Price (Loara) 340.8; 9. Scott Rowe (Palos Verdes) 331.3; 10. Jeff Dains (Chaffey) 330.3; 11. Sally Schiff (Rolling Hills) 322.5; 12. Steve Evans (Chaffey) 320.7.





Jane always played on the girl's tennis team...back row 3rd from the left

Her boyfriend at Wilson was the famous swimmer Tim Shaw who would go onto to medal in both swimming and water polo in the Olympic Games...short quote from local Long Beach paper:

Still, Tim demands more to his life than swimming. "When I'm in the pool, I work," he says, "but when I get out, I leave it all there." He surfs, skis, goes to parties and rock concerts and moons around his current girlfriend, Jane Ward, a champion diver

**Tim Shaw
Long Beach Wilson**



Jane Ward never got the Who's Jane Ward? The 17-year-old Wilson High student, is one of the United States' top 10 divers. Jane, a slender 5' 9" lass from the school. Staff photos by TOM SHAW (see Jane dive). Shy, "you want to do a story on me?" Easy going "although I'm intense in diving". She gained a measure, a very small note in most newspapers of notoriety, by becoming the first girl ever to win a "boys" CIF title, capturing the 4-A diving championship.

